

Supplementary Appendix:

Asymptotically Unbiased Inference for a Dynamic Panel Model with Fixed Effects When Both n and T are Large

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A Proof of Theorem 1

Theorem 1 is established by combining Lemmas 6 and 7 below. Note that

$$y_{it} = \theta_0^t y_{i0} + (I - \theta_0)^{-1} (1 - \theta_0^t) \alpha_i + \theta_0^{t-1} \varepsilon_{i1} + \theta_0^{t-2} \varepsilon_{i2} + \dots + \varepsilon_{it}. \quad (1)$$

In the stationary case where $\lim_n \theta_0^n = 0$, we work with the stationary approximation to y_{it} which is given by

$$u_{it}^* \equiv \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \theta_0^j \varepsilon_{it-j}, \quad t \geq 1 \quad (2)$$

$$y_{it}^* \equiv (I - \theta_0)^{-1} \alpha_i + u_{it}^*, \quad t \geq 0. \quad (3)$$

The vectorized representation of the OLS estimator for θ'_0 is given by

$$\text{vec}(\hat{\theta}' - \theta'_0) = \left[I \otimes \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (y_{it-1} - \bar{y}_{i-}) (y_{it-1} - \bar{y}_{i-})' \right)^{-1} \right] \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes (y_{it-1} - \bar{y}_{i-})) (\varepsilon_{it} - \bar{\varepsilon}_i) \right]$$

where $\bar{\varepsilon}_i \equiv \frac{1}{T} \sum_t \varepsilon_{it}$. We define the joint cumulant next. Let $\xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k$ and $\varepsilon = (\varepsilon_{t_1}^{(j_1)}, \dots, \varepsilon_{t_k}^{(j_k)})$ where $\varepsilon_t^{(j)}$ is the j -th element of ε_t , then $\phi_{j_1, \dots, j_k, t_1, \dots, t_k}(\xi) \equiv E \left[e^{i \xi' \varepsilon} \right]$ is the joint characteristic function with corresponding cumulant generating function $\ln \phi_{j_1, \dots, j_k, t_1, \dots, t_k}(\xi)$. The joint v -th order cross-cumulant function is

$$\text{cum}_{j_1, \dots, j_k}(\varepsilon_{t_1}, \dots, \varepsilon_{t_k}) \equiv \frac{\partial^{v_1 + \dots + v_k}}{\partial \xi_1^{v_1} \dots \partial \xi_k^{v_k}} \ln \phi_{j_1, \dots, j_k, t_1, \dots, t_k}(\xi) \Big|_{\xi=0}$$

where v_i are nonnegative integers $v_1 + \dots + v_k = v$.

Lemma 1 *Let ε_{it} be iid across i and t and $E \left[\left| \varepsilon_{it}^{(j)} \right|^8 \right] < \infty$. Assume Conditions 4 (ii) - (iv) hold. Then Conditions 2 and 3 hold.*

Proof. If $E \left[\left| \varepsilon_{it}^{(j)} \right|^8 \right] < \infty$, then $\text{cum}_{j_1, \dots, j_4} (\varepsilon_{t_1}, \dots, \varepsilon_{t_4})$ is well defined. Let $\theta_{lk,j}$ be the l, k -th element of the matrix θ_0^j . Then $u_{it}^{*(l)} = \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \theta_{lk,j} \varepsilon_{it-j}^{(k)}$ and

$$\text{cum}_{l_1, \dots, l_4} (u_{it_1}^*, \varepsilon_{it_2}, u_{it_3}^*, \varepsilon_{it_4}) = \sum_{k_1, k_2=1}^m \sum_{j_1, j_2=0}^{\infty} \theta_{l_1 k_1, j_1} \theta_{l_3 k_2, j_2} \text{cum}_{k_1, l_2, k_3, l_4} (\varepsilon_{it_1-j_1}, \varepsilon_{it_2}, \varepsilon_{it_3-j_2}, \varepsilon_{it_4}).$$

Since $\text{cum}_{k_1, l_2, k_3, l_4} (\varepsilon_{it_1-j_1}, \varepsilon_{it_2}, \varepsilon_{it_3-j_2}, \varepsilon_{it_4})$ is zero unless $t_1 - j_1 = t_2 = t_3 - j_2 = t_4$ by Lemma (4), it follows immediately that Condition (2) is satisfied. In order to establish Condition (3), note that $z_{it} = (I \otimes u_{it-1}^*) \varepsilon_{it} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (I \otimes \theta_0^l) (I \otimes \varepsilon_{it-1-l}) \varepsilon_{it}$ has typical element $z_{it}^{(j)} = u_{it-1}^{*(r)} \varepsilon_{it}^{(s)} = \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \theta_{rk,l} \varepsilon_{it-1-l}^{(k)} \varepsilon_{it}^{(s)}$ with $r = j - m \cdot [(j-1) \bmod m]$ and $s = [(j-1) \bmod m] + 1$. Defining $w_{t,l} = (I \otimes \varepsilon_{it-1-l}) \varepsilon_{it}$, it then follows that

$$\text{cum}_{j_1, \dots, j_4} (z_{it_1}, z_{it_2}, z_{it_3}, z_{it_4}) = \sum_{k_1, \dots, k_4=1}^m \sum_{l_1, \dots, l_4=0}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{i=1}^4 \theta_{r_i k_i, l_i} \right) \text{cum}_{[sm+k]} (w_{t_1, l_1}, w_{t_2, l_2}, w_{t_3, l_3}, w_{t_4, l_4})$$

where we use the short hand notation $[sm+k] \equiv s_1 m + k_1, \dots, s_4 m + k_4$ for the four indices and $s_i = [(j_i - 1) \bmod m] + 1$ and $k_i = j_i - m \cdot [(j_i - 1) \bmod m]$. From Brillinger (1981, Theorem 2.3.1 (iii)), it follows that $\text{cum}_{k^*} (w_{t_1, l_1}, w_{t_2, l_2}, w_{t_3, l_3}, w_{t_4, l_4}) = 0$ if any group of w_{t_i, l_i} variables is independent of the remaining w_{t_i, l_i} variables. Now fix l_1, \dots, l_4 arbitrary. Then one can pick at most 11,520 different combinations of t_1, t_2, t_3 such that none of the w_{t_i, l_i} are independent of each other. This leads to an upper bound for

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{t_1, t_2, t_3=-\infty}^{\infty} |\text{cum}_{j_1, \dots, j_4} (z_{it_1}, z_{it_2}, z_{it_3}, z_{it_4})| \\ & \leq 11,520 m^4 \sup_{s, k, t, l} |\text{cum}_{[sm+k]} (w_{t_1, l_1}, w_{t_2, l_2}, w_{t_3, l_3}, w_{t_4, l_4})| \sum_{l_1, \dots, l_4=0}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{i=1}^4 |\theta_{r_i k_i, l_i}| \right) < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

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Lemma 2 Let y_{it} be generated by (1). Also, let

$$S_{nT}^* \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes u_{it}^*) (\varepsilon_{it} - \bar{\varepsilon}_i)$$

Then under Conditions 1, 2 and 3

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes (y_{it-1} - \bar{y}_{i-})) (\varepsilon_{it} - \bar{\varepsilon}_i) = S_{nT}^* + o_p(1) \quad (4)$$

Proof. Because $\sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes \bar{y}_{i-}) (\varepsilon_{it} - \bar{\varepsilon}_i) = 0$, and

$$\sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes y_{it-1}^*) (\varepsilon_{it} - \bar{\varepsilon}_i) = \sum_{t=1}^T \left(I \otimes \left((I - \theta_0)^{-1} \alpha_i + u_{it}^* \right) \right) (\varepsilon_{it} - \bar{\varepsilon}_i) = \sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes u_{it}^*) (\varepsilon_{it} - \bar{\varepsilon}_i),$$

it suffices to prove that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes y_{it-1}) (\varepsilon_{it} - \bar{\varepsilon}_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes y_{it-1}^*) (\varepsilon_{it} - \bar{\varepsilon}_i) + o_p(1).$$

From (1), (2), and (3), we obtain $y_{it} = y_{it}^* + \theta_0^t (y_{i0} - u_{i0}^*) - (I - \theta_0)^{-1} \theta_0^t \alpha_i$. We may therefore write

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes y_{it-1}) (\varepsilon_{it} - \bar{\varepsilon}_i) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes y_{it-1}^*) (\varepsilon_{it} - \bar{\varepsilon}_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes \theta_0^t y_{i0}) (\varepsilon_{it} - \bar{\varepsilon}_i) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

$$- (I - \theta_0)^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes \theta_0^t \alpha_i) (\varepsilon_{it} - \bar{\varepsilon}_i) \quad (6)$$

$$- \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes \theta_0^t u_{i0}^*) (\varepsilon_{it} - \bar{\varepsilon}_i). \quad (7)$$

We analyze (5) first. By assumption, its expectation is zero. Because of independence of ε_{it} and y_{i0} , we have

$$\text{Var} \left(\sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes \theta_0^t y_{i0}) (\varepsilon_{it} - \bar{\varepsilon}_i) \right) = \sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes \theta_0^t y_{i0}) \Omega (I \otimes y_{i0}' \theta_0^t) - \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T (I \otimes \theta_0^t y_{i0}) \Omega (I \otimes y_{i0}' \theta_0^s),$$

from which it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{vec} \left[\text{Var} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes \theta_0^t y_{i0}) (\varepsilon_{it} - \bar{\varepsilon}_i) \right) \right] \\ &= T^{-1} (I \otimes I \otimes I \otimes I - (I \otimes \theta_0) \otimes (I \otimes \theta_0))^{-1} \left((I \otimes \theta_0) \otimes (I \otimes \theta_0) - ((I \otimes \theta_0) \otimes (I \otimes \theta_0))^{T+1} \right) \\ & \quad \times \text{vec} \left(n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (I \otimes y_{i0}) \Omega (I \otimes y_{i0}') \right) \\ &= T^{-2} \left(I \otimes (I - \theta_0)^{-1} (\theta_0 - \theta_0^{T+1}) \right) \otimes \left(I \otimes (I - \theta_0)^{-1} (\theta_0 - \theta_0^{T+1}) \right) \text{vec} \left(n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (I \otimes y_{i0}) \Omega (I \otimes y_{i0}') \right) \\ &= o(1). \end{aligned}$$

It therefore follows that (5) is $o_p(1)$. In the same way it follows that (6) is $o_p(1)$. We turn to the analysis of (7). Because of independence of ε_{it} and u_{i0}^* , we can see that it has a mean equal to zero, and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{vec} \left[\text{Var} \left(\sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes \theta_0^t u_{i0}^*) \varepsilon_{it} \right) \right] &= \sum_{t_1, t_2=1}^T ((I \otimes \theta_0^{t_1}) \otimes (I \otimes \theta_0^{t_2})) \text{vec} (E [(I \otimes u_{i0}^*) \varepsilon_{it_1} \varepsilon_{it_2}' (I \otimes u_{i0}^{*'})]) \\ &= \sum_{t_1, t_2=1}^T ((I \otimes \theta_0^{t_1}) \otimes (I \otimes \theta_0^{t_2})) (E [\varepsilon_{it_1} \varepsilon_{it_2}'] \otimes E [u_{i0}^* u_{i0}^{*'}] + \mathcal{K}_0(t_1, t_2)), \end{aligned}$$

where the matrix $\mathcal{K}_0(t_1, t_2)$ contains elements of the form $\text{cum}_{j_1, \dots, j_4} (u_{i0}^*, u_{i0}^*, \varepsilon_{it_1}, \varepsilon_{it_2})$. The sum over the first term then can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{t=1}^T ((I \otimes \theta_0^t) \otimes (I \otimes \theta_0^t)) \text{vec} [\Omega \otimes E (u_{i0}^* u_{i0}^{*'})] = (I \otimes I \otimes I \otimes I - ((I \otimes \theta_0) \otimes (I \otimes \theta_0)))^{-1} \\ & \quad \times \left(((I \otimes \theta_0) \otimes (I \otimes \theta_0)) - ((I \otimes \theta_0) \otimes (I \otimes \theta_0))^{T+1} \right) \text{vec} [\Omega \otimes E (u_{i0}^* u_{i0}^{*'})]. \end{aligned}$$

The second term is bounded by

$$\sum_{t_1, t_2=1}^T \|(I \otimes \theta_0^{t_1}) \otimes (I \otimes \theta_0^{t_2})\| \|\text{vec } \mathcal{K}_0(t_1, t_2)\| \leq \sup_{t_1, t_2} \|\text{vec } \mathcal{K}_0(t_1, t_2)\| \sum_{t_1, t_2=1}^T \|(I \otimes \theta_0^{t_1}) \otimes (I \otimes \theta_0^{t_2})\| < \infty$$

Together these results imply that $\text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes \theta_0^t u_{i0}^*) \varepsilon_{it}\right) = o(1)$. Next consider

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \text{Var} \left(\sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes \theta_0^t u_{i0}^*) \bar{\varepsilon}_i \right) \right\| &= \left\| T^{-2} \sum_{t_1, \dots, t_4=1}^T ((I \otimes \theta_0^{t_1}) \otimes (I \otimes \theta_0^{t_2})) \text{vec } E[(I \otimes u_{i0}^*) \varepsilon_{it_3} \varepsilon'_{it_4} (I \otimes u_{i0}^*)] \right\| \\ &\leq \|(I \otimes (I - \theta_0^{-1}) (\theta_0 - \theta_0^{T+1})) \otimes (I \otimes (I - \theta_0^{-1}) (\theta_0 - \theta_0^{T+1}))\| \\ &\quad \times \left\| T^{-1} \text{vec} [\Omega \otimes E[u_{i0}^* u_{i0}^{*'}]] + T^{-2} \sum_{t_3, t_4=1}^T \text{vec } \mathcal{K}_0(t_3, t_4) \right\| \\ &\leq \|(I \otimes (I - \theta_0^{-1}) (\theta_0 - \theta_0^{T+1})) \otimes (I \otimes (I - \theta_0^{-1}) (\theta_0 - \theta_0^{T+1}))\| \\ &\quad \times \left(\|T^{-1} \text{vec} [\Omega \otimes E[u_{i0}^* u_{i0}^{*'}]]\| + T^{-2} \sum_{t_3, t_4=1}^T \|\text{vec } \mathcal{K}_0(t_3, t_4)\| \right) \\ &= O(T^{-1}), \end{aligned}$$

which shows that $\text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes \theta_0^t u_{i0}^*) \bar{\varepsilon}_i\right) = o(1)$. It therefore follows that (7) is $o_p(1)$. ■

Lemma 3 *Let y_{it} be generated by (1). Under Conditions 1, 2 and 3,*

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes u_{it}^*) \bar{\varepsilon}_i = \sqrt{\rho} (I \otimes I - (I \otimes \theta_0))^{-1} \text{vec}(\Omega) + o_p(1).$$

Proof. We have

$$\begin{aligned} E \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes u_{it}^*) \bar{\varepsilon}_i \right] &= \frac{n}{\sqrt{nT}} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T E[(I \otimes u_{it}^*) \varepsilon_{is}] \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{n}{T}} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^t E[(I \otimes u_{it}^*) \varepsilon_{is}] = \sqrt{\frac{n}{T}} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=0}^{t-1} (I \otimes \theta_0^j) \text{vec}(\Omega) \quad (8) \end{aligned}$$

By the usual result on Cesàro averages, we have $\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=0}^{t-1} (I \otimes \theta_0^j) = (I \otimes I - (I \otimes \theta_0))^{-1} + o(1)$.

Therefore,

$$E \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes u_{it}^*) \bar{\varepsilon}_i \right] = \sqrt{\rho} (I \otimes I - (I \otimes \theta_0))^{-1} \text{vec}(\Omega) + o(1). \quad (9)$$

We also have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{Var} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes u_{it}^*) \bar{\varepsilon}_i \right) \\
&= E \left[\frac{1}{T^3} \sum_{t_1, \dots, t_4=1}^T \left((I \otimes u_{it_1}^*) \varepsilon_{it_2} - E[(I \otimes u_{it_1}^*) \varepsilon_{it_2}] \right) \left((I \otimes u_{it_3}^*) \varepsilon_{it_4} - E[(I \otimes u_{it_3}^*) \varepsilon_{it_4}] \right)' \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{T^3} \sum_{t_1, \dots, t_4=1}^T \sum_{j_1, j_2=0}^{\infty} \left(I \otimes \theta_0^{j_1} \right) \left(\text{vec}(\text{Cov}(\varepsilon_{it_1-j_1}, \varepsilon_{it_4})) \text{vec}(\text{Cov}(\varepsilon_{it_3-j_2}, \varepsilon_{it_2}))' \right) \left(I \otimes \theta_0^{j_2} \right) \\
&+ \frac{1}{T^3} \sum_{t_1, \dots, t_4=1}^T \sum_{j_1, j_2=0}^{\infty} \left(I \otimes \theta_0^{j_1} \right) [\text{Cov}(\varepsilon_{it_2}, \varepsilon_{it_4}) \otimes \text{Cov}(\varepsilon_{it_1-j_1}, \varepsilon_{it_3-j_2})] \left(I \otimes \theta_0^{j_2} \right) \\
&+ \frac{1}{T^3} \sum_{t_1, \dots, t_4=1}^T \left(I \otimes \theta_0^{j_1} \right) \mathcal{K}(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4) \left(I \otimes \theta_0^{j_2} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

where $\mathcal{K}(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4)$ is a matrix containing elements of the form $\text{cum}_{j_1, \dots, j_4}(u_{it_1}^*, \varepsilon_{it_2}, u_{it_3}^*, \varepsilon_{it_4})$. This leads to

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Var} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes u_{it}^*) \bar{\varepsilon}_i \right) &= \frac{1}{T^3} \sum_{t_1, t_3=1}^T \sum_{t_2=1}^{t_3} \sum_{t_4=1}^{t_1} (I \otimes \theta_0^{t_1-t_4}) \text{vec}(\Omega) \text{vec}(\Omega)' (I \otimes \theta_0^{t_3-t_2}) \\
&+ \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t_3=1}^T \sum_{j_1=0}^{\infty} \sum_{t_1=1}^{\min(T, t_3-j_1)} \left(I \otimes \theta_0^{j_1} \right) (\Omega \otimes \Omega') \left(I \otimes \theta_0^{t_3+j_1-t_1} \right) \\
&+ \frac{1}{T^3} \sum_{t_1, \dots, t_4=1}^T (I \otimes \theta_0^{t_1}) \mathcal{K}(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4) (I \otimes \theta_0^{t_4})'.
\end{aligned}$$

The first term on the right is $O(T^{-1})$ because

$$\sum_{t_1=1}^T \sum_{t_4=1}^{t_1} (I \otimes \theta_0^{t_1-t_4}) = \sum_{t_1=1}^T (I \otimes I - I \otimes \theta_0)^{-1} (I \otimes I - I \otimes \theta_0^{t_1}) = O(T).$$

The second term is $O(T^{-1})$ because

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\| \text{vec} \left[\sum_{j_1=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j_2=0}^{\min(T, t_3-j_1+1)} \left(I \otimes \theta_0^{j_1} \right) (\Omega \otimes \Omega') \left(I \otimes \theta_0^{j_2} \right) \right] \right\| \\
& \leq \sum_{j_1=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j_2=0}^{\infty} \left\| \left(I \otimes \theta_0^{j_1} \right) \otimes (I \otimes I) \right\| \left\| (I \otimes I) \otimes \left(I \otimes \theta_0^{j_2} \right) \right\| \|\text{vec}(\Omega \otimes \Omega')\| = O(1)
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, the third term is $O(T^{-2})$ because $\frac{1}{T^3} \sum_{t_1, \dots, t_4=1}^T \text{cum}_{j_1, \dots, j_4}(u_{it_1}^*, \varepsilon_{it_2}, u_{it_3}^*, \varepsilon_{it_4}) = O(T^{-2})$ by the cumulant summability assumption. ■

Lemma 4 Assume ε_t is a sequence of independent, identically distributed random vectors with $E[\varepsilon_t] = 0$ for all t . Then $\text{cum}_{j_1, \dots, j_4}(\varepsilon_{t_1}, \dots, \varepsilon_{t_4}) = 0$ unless $t_1 = t_2 = \dots = t_4$. In this case we define $\text{cum}(j_1, \dots, j_4) \equiv \text{cum}_{j_1, \dots, j_4}(\varepsilon_t, \dots, \varepsilon_t)$.

Lemma 5 *Let Conditions 1, 2 and 3 be satisfied. Then*

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes u_{it-1}^*) \varepsilon_{it} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, \Omega \otimes \Upsilon + \mathcal{K})$$

where $\mathcal{K} = \sum_{t=-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{K}(t, 0)$ and $\mathcal{K}(t_1, t_2) \equiv E \left[(I \otimes u_{it_1-1}^*) \varepsilon_{it_1} \varepsilon_{it_2}' (I \otimes u_{it_2-1}^*) \right] - E \left[\varepsilon_{it_1} \varepsilon_{it_2}' \right] \otimes E \left[u_{it_1-1}^* u_{it_2-1}^{*'} \right]$.
If in addition all the innovations ε_{it} are independent for all i and t then

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes u_{it-1}^*) \varepsilon_{it} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, \Omega \otimes \Upsilon).$$

Proof. We need to check the generalized Lindeberg Feller condition for joint asymptotic normality as in Theorem 2 of Phillips and Moon (1999). A sufficient condition for the theorem to hold is that for all $\ell \in \mathbb{R}^{m^2}$ such that $\ell' \ell = 1$ it follows $E \left[\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \ell' (I \otimes u_{it-1}^*) \varepsilon_{it} \right)^4 \right] < \infty$ uniformly in i and T . Letting $\mathbf{z}_{it} = \ell' (I \otimes u_{it-1}^*) \varepsilon_{it}$ and noting that $E[\mathbf{z}_{it}] = 0$ we consider

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t_1, \dots, t_4=1}^T E[\mathbf{z}_{it_1} \mathbf{z}_{it_2} \mathbf{z}_{it_3} \mathbf{z}_{it_4}] &= \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t_1, \dots, t_4=1}^T [\text{Cov}(\mathbf{z}_{it_1}, \mathbf{z}_{it_2}) \text{Cov}(\mathbf{z}_{it_3}, \mathbf{z}_{it_4}) + \text{Cov}(\mathbf{z}_{it_1}, \mathbf{z}_{it_3}) \text{Cov}(\mathbf{z}_{it_2}, \mathbf{z}_{it_4})] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t_1, \dots, t_4=1}^T [\text{Cov}(\mathbf{z}_{it_1}, \mathbf{z}_{it_4}) \text{Cov}(\mathbf{z}_{it_2}, \mathbf{z}_{it_3}) + \text{cum}(\mathbf{z}_{it_1}, \mathbf{z}_{it_2}, \mathbf{z}_{it_3}, \mathbf{z}_{it_4})], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(\mathbf{z}_{it}, \mathbf{z}_{is}) &= \ell' E \left[(I \otimes u_{it-1}^*) \varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{is}' (I \otimes u_{is-1}^*) \right] \ell \\ &= \ell' \text{vec} \left(E[u_{it-1}^* \varepsilon_{is}'] \right) \text{vec} \left(E[u_{is-1}^* \varepsilon_{it}'] \right)' \ell + \ell' E[\varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{is}'] \otimes E[u_{it-1}^* u_{is-1}^{*'}] \ell \\ &\quad + \sum_{j_1, \dots, j_4=0}^{m-1} \ell_{j_3 m + j_1 + 1} \ell_{j_4 m + j_2 + 1} \text{cum}_{j_1, \dots, j_4} (u_{it-1}^*, \varepsilon_{it}, u_{is-1}^*, \varepsilon_{is}) \\ &= 0 + \ell' (\Omega \otimes E[u_{it-1}^* u_{is-1}^{*'}]) \ell \cdot \mathbf{1}\{t = s\} \\ &\quad + \sum_{j_1, \dots, j_4=0}^{m-1} \ell_{j_3 m + j_1 + 1} \ell_{j_4 m + j_2 + 1} \text{cum}_{j_1, \dots, j_4} (u_{it-1}^*, \varepsilon_{it}, u_{is-1}^*, \varepsilon_{is}). \end{aligned}$$

Using these results we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t_1, \dots, t_4=1}^T E[\mathbf{z}_{it_1} \mathbf{z}_{it_2} \mathbf{z}_{it_3} \mathbf{z}_{it_4}] \\ &= 3 \left(\ell' (\Omega \otimes E[u_{it-1}^* u_{it-1}^{*'}]) \ell \right)^2 \\ &\quad + 6 \left(\ell' (\Omega \otimes E[u_{it-1}^* u_{it-1}^{*'}]) \ell \right) \left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t,s=1}^T \sum_{j_1, \dots, j_4=0}^{m-1} \ell_{j_3 m + j_1 + 1} \ell_{j_4 m + j_2 + 1} \text{cum}_{j_1, \dots, j_4} (u_{it-1}^*, \varepsilon_{it}, u_{is-1}^*, \varepsilon_{is}) \right) \\ &\quad + 3 \left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t,s=1}^T \sum_{j_1, \dots, j_4=0}^{m-1} \ell_{j_3 m + j_1 + 1} \ell_{j_4 m + j_2 + 1} \text{cum}_{j_1, \dots, j_4} (u_{it-1}^*, \varepsilon_{it}, u_{is-1}^*, \varepsilon_{is}) \right)^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t_1, \dots, t_4=1}^T \sum_{j_1, \dots, j_4=1}^{m^2} \left(\prod_{k=1}^4 \ell_{j_k} \right) \text{cum}_{j_1, \dots, j_4} (\mathbf{z}_{it_1}, \mathbf{z}_{it_2}, \mathbf{z}_{it_3}, \mathbf{z}_{it_4}) \end{aligned}$$

where the terms involving higher order cumulants are $\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t,s=1}^T \text{cum}_{j_1, \dots, j_4}(u_{it-1}^*, \varepsilon_{it}, u_{is-1}^*, \varepsilon_{is}) = O(1)$ and $\sum_{t_1, \dots, t_4=1}^T \text{cum}_{j_1, \dots, j_4}(\mathbf{z}_{it_1}, \mathbf{z}_{it_2}, \mathbf{z}_{it_3}, \mathbf{z}_{it_4}) = O(T)$ independent of i, j_1, \dots, j_4 . This shows that

$$T^{-2} \sum_{t_1, \dots, t_4=1}^T E[\mathbf{z}_{it_1} \mathbf{z}_{it_2} \mathbf{z}_{it_3} \mathbf{z}_{it_4}] < \infty$$

uniformly in i and T . Finally consider

$$\begin{aligned} & E \left[\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes u_{it-1}^*) \varepsilon_{it} \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t,s=1}^T E \left[(I \otimes u_{it-1}^*) \varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon'_{is} (I \otimes u_{is-1}^{*'}) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t,s=1}^T \text{vec} \left(E[u_{it-1}^* \varepsilon'_{is}] \right) \text{vec} \left(E[u_{is-1}^* \varepsilon'_{it}] \right) + \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t,s=1}^T E[\varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon'_{is}] \otimes E[u_{it-1}^* u_{is-1}^{*'}] + \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t,s=1}^T \mathcal{K}(t, s) \\ &= \Omega \otimes \Upsilon + \mathcal{K} + o(1). \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathcal{K} = \sum_{t_1=-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{K}(t_1, 0)$. Note that $\text{vec} \left(E[u_{it-1}^* \varepsilon'_{is}] \right) \text{vec} \left(E[u_{is-1}^* \varepsilon'_{it}] \right) = 0$ for all t and s and that $\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t,s=1}^T E[\varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon'_{is}] \otimes E[u_{it-1}^* u_{is-1}^{*'}] = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T E[\varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon'_{it}] \otimes E[u_{it-1}^* u_{it-1}^{*'}] = \Omega \otimes \Upsilon$ by strict stationarity. The last line of the display follows by Cesàro summability and stationarity. The second part of the theorem follows from Lemma (4) which implies that $\mathcal{K}(t_1, t_2) = 0$ for all t_1 and t_2 . ■

Lemma 6 *Let y_{it} be generated by (1). Under Conditions 1, 2 and 3,*

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes (y_{it-1} - \bar{y}_{i-})) (\varepsilon_{it} - \bar{\varepsilon}_i) \rightarrow \mathcal{N} \left(-\sqrt{\rho} (I \otimes I - (I \otimes \theta_0))^{-1} \text{vec}(\Omega), \Omega \otimes \Upsilon + \mathcal{K} \right).$$

Proof. Note that $\sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes \bar{y}_{i-}) (\varepsilon_{it} - \bar{\varepsilon}_i) = 0$, and that

$$\sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes y_{it-1}^*) (\varepsilon_{it} - \bar{\varepsilon}_i) = \sum_{t=1}^T \left(I \otimes \left((I - \theta_0)^{-1} \alpha_i + u_{it}^* \right) \right) (\varepsilon_{it} - \bar{\varepsilon}_i) = \sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes u_{it}^*) (\varepsilon_{it} - \bar{\varepsilon}_i).$$

The result then follows from Lemmas 2, 3, and 5. ■

Lemma 7 *Let y_{it} be generated by (1). Under Conditions 1, 2 and 3,*

$$\frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (y_{it-1} - \bar{y}_{i-}) (y_{it-1} - \bar{y}_{i-})' = E \left[(y_{it-1}^* - E y_{it-1}^*) (y_{it-1}^* - E y_{it-1}^*)' \right] + o_p(1) = \Upsilon + o_p(1).$$

Proof. Recall $y_{it} = y_{it}^* + \theta_0^t (y_{i0} - y_{i0}^*) - (I - \theta_0)^{-1} \theta_0^t \alpha_i$, and hence

$$y_{it-1} - \bar{y}_{i-} = (y_{it-1}^* - \bar{y}_{i-}^*) + \left(\theta_0^{t-1} - \frac{1}{T} (I - \theta_0)^{-1} (I - \theta_0^T) \right) (y_{i0} - u_{i0}^* - \alpha_i).$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (y_{it-1} - \bar{y}_{i-}) (y_{it-1} - \bar{y}_{i-})' = \varphi_1 + \varphi_2 + \varphi_2' + \varphi_3 + \varphi_3' + \varphi_4 + \varphi_4' + \varphi_5 + \varphi_6,$$

where

$$\varphi_1 \equiv \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (y_{it-1}^* - \bar{y}_{i-}^*) (y_{it-1}^* - \bar{y}_{i-}^*)',$$

$$\varphi_2 \equiv \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (y_{it-1}^* - \bar{y}_{i-}^*) (y_{i0} - \alpha_i)' \left(\theta_0^{t-1} - \frac{1}{T} (I - \theta_0)^{-1} (I - \theta_0^T) \right)',$$

$$\varphi_3 \equiv \frac{-2}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (y_{it-1}^* - \bar{y}_{i-}^*) u_{i0}^* \left(\theta_0^{t-1} - \frac{1}{T} (I - \theta_0)^{-1} (I - \theta_0^T) \right)',$$

$$\varphi_4 = \frac{-2}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T \left[\left(\theta_0^{t-1} - \frac{1}{T} (I - \theta_0)^{-1} (I - \theta_0^T) \right) (y_{i0} - \alpha_i) u_{i0}^* \left(\theta_0^{t-1} - \frac{1}{T} (I - \theta_0)^{-1} (I - \theta_0^T) \right) \right]',$$

$$\varphi_5 \equiv \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T \left(\theta_0^{t-1} - \frac{1}{T} (I - \theta_0)^{-1} (I - \theta_0^T) \right) (y_{i0} - \alpha_i) (y_{i0} - \alpha_i)' \left(\theta_0^{t-1} - \frac{1}{T} (I - \theta_0)^{-1} (I - \theta_0^T) \right)',$$

$$\varphi_6 = \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T \left(\theta_0^{t-1} - \frac{1}{T} (I - \theta_0)^{-1} (I - \theta_0^T) \right) u_{i0}^* u_{i0}^* \left(\theta_0^{t-1} - \frac{1}{T} (I - \theta_0)^{-1} (I - \theta_0^T) \right)'$$

First note that $\varphi_1 = \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (y_{it-1}^* - Ey_{it-1}^*) (y_{it-1}^* - Ey_{it-1}^*)' - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\bar{y}_{i-}^* - Ey_{it-1}^*) (\bar{y}_{i-}^* - Ey_{it-1}^*)'$.

It follows immediately that $\varphi_1 = E \left[(y_{it-1}^* - Ey_{it-1}^*) (y_{it-1}^* - Ey_{it-1}^*)' \right] + o_p(1) = \Upsilon + o_p(1)$. For φ_5

consider

$$\varphi_5 \equiv \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{t=1}^T \left(\theta_0^{t-1} - \frac{1}{T} (I - \theta_0)^{-1} (I - \theta_0^T) \right) \otimes \left(\theta_0^{t-1} - \frac{1}{T} (I - \theta_0)^{-1} (I - \theta_0^T) \right) \sum_{i=1}^n \text{vec} (y_{i0} - \alpha_i) (y_{i0} - \alpha_i)'$$

note that $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_{i0} - \alpha_i) (y_{i0} - \alpha_i)' = O(1)$ by assumption and $T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \left(\theta_0^{t-1} - \frac{1}{T} (I - \theta_0)^{-1} (I - \theta_0^T) \right) \otimes \left(\theta_0^{t-1} - \frac{1}{T} (I - \theta_0)^{-1} (I - \theta_0^T) \right) = O(T^{-1})$ thus $\varphi_5 = O(T^{-1})$. Next

$$E[\varphi_6] = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \left(\theta_0^{t-1} - \frac{1}{T} (I - \theta_0)^{-1} (I - \theta_0^T) \right) \Upsilon \left(\theta_0^{t-1} - \frac{1}{T} (I - \theta_0)^{-1} (I - \theta_0^T) \right)'$$

implying that $E\varphi_6 \rightarrow 0$ and thus by the Markov inequality $\varphi_6 = o_p(1)$. Then we have

$$\|\varphi_4\| \leq \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^n \|y_{i0} - \alpha_i\| \sum_{t=1}^T \left[\left\| \theta_0^{t-1} - \frac{1}{T} (I - \theta_0)^{-1} (I - \theta_0^T) \right\|^2 \|u_{i0}^*\| \right]$$

and we can use the Markov inequality again to show that $\varphi_4 = o_p(1)$. Similar arguments show that φ_2 and φ_3 are $o_p(1)$. ■

We finally provide the proof of Theorem 1 using Lemmas 6 and 7, which show that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (I \otimes (y_{it-1} - \bar{y}_{i-})) (\varepsilon_{it} - \bar{\varepsilon}_i) \rightarrow \mathcal{N} \left(-\sqrt{\rho} (I \otimes I - (I \otimes \theta_0))^{-1} \text{vec}(\Omega), \Omega \otimes \Upsilon + \mathcal{K} \right),$$

$$\frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (y_{it-1} - \bar{y}_{i-}) (y_{it-1} - \bar{y}_{i-})' = \Upsilon + o_p(1).$$

It therefore follows that

$$\sqrt{nT} \text{vec}(\hat{\theta}' - \theta_0') \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N} \left(-\sqrt{\rho} (I \otimes \Upsilon)^{-1} (I \otimes I - (I \otimes \theta_0))^{-1} \text{vec}(\Omega), (I \otimes \Upsilon)^{-1} (\Omega \otimes \Upsilon + \mathcal{K}) (I \otimes \Upsilon)^{-1} \right)$$

B Auxiliary Results and Definitions

We first recall a few well established results on higher order cross cumulants to introduce notation. A reference for this material is Brillinger (1981).

Definition 1 Let $\varepsilon_t \in \mathbb{R}^p$ be a strictly stationary vector process with elements $\varepsilon_t^{(j)}$ such that $E \left[\varepsilon_t^{(j)} \right] = 0$ and $E \left| \varepsilon_t^{(j)} \right|^v < \infty$ for some integer v such that $0 < v < \infty$. Let $\xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k$ and $\varepsilon = (\varepsilon_{t_1}^{(j_1)}, \dots, \varepsilon_{t_k}^{(j_k)})$, then $\phi_{j_1, \dots, j_k, t_1, \dots, t_k}(\xi) \equiv E \left[e^{i\xi' \varepsilon} \right]$ is the joint characteristic function with corresponding cumulant generating function $\ln \phi_{j_1, \dots, j_k, t_1, \dots, t_k}(\xi)$. The joint v -th order cross-cumulant function is

$$\text{cum}_{j_1, \dots, j_k}(\varepsilon_{t_1}, \dots, \varepsilon_{t_k}) \equiv \frac{\partial^{v_1 + \dots + v_k}}{\partial \xi_1^{v_1} \dots \partial \xi_k^{v_k}} \ln \phi_{j_1, \dots, j_k, t_1, \dots, t_k}(\xi) \Big|_{\xi=0}$$

where v_i are nonnegative integers $v_1 + \dots + v_k = v$. When $v = 2$ we have

$$\text{Cov} \left(\varepsilon_{t_1}^{(j_1)}, \varepsilon_{t_2}^{(j_2)} \right) = \text{Cov}_{j_1, j_2}(\varepsilon_{t_1}, \varepsilon_{t_2}) \equiv \text{cum}_{j_1, j_2}(\varepsilon_{t_1}, \varepsilon_{t_2}) \equiv \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi_1 \partial \xi_2} \ln \phi_{j_1, j_2, t_1, t_2}(\xi) \Big|_{\xi=0}.$$

Lemma 8 Let a, b, c, d be random vectors with zero mean and denote the j -th element of a by $a^{(j)}$ and similarly for the other vectors. Then

$$\begin{aligned} E \left[a^{(j_1)} b^{(j_2)} c^{(j_3)} d^{(j_4)} \right] &= \text{Cov}_{j_1, j_2}(a, b) \text{Cov}_{j_3, j_4}(c, d) + \text{Cov}_{j_1, j_3}(a, c) \text{Cov}_{j_2, j_4}(b, d) \\ &\quad + \text{Cov}_{j_1, j_4}(a, d) \text{Cov}_{j_2, j_3}(b, c) + \text{cum}_{j_1, j_2, j_3, j_4}(a, b, c, d), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\text{Cov} \left(a^{(j_1)} b^{(j_2)}, c^{(j_3)} d^{(j_4)} \right) = \text{Cov}_{j_1, j_3}(a, c) \text{Cov}_{j_2, j_4}(b, d) + \text{Cov}_{j_1, j_4}(a, d) \text{Cov}_{j_2, j_3}(b, c) + \text{cum}_{j_1, j_2, j_3, j_4}(a, b, c, d).$$

Proof. The 4-th order cumulant $\text{Cov} \left(a^{(j_1)} b^{(j_2)}, c^{(j_3)} d^{(j_4)} \right)$ is analyzed by considering the following matrix

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} a^{(j_1)} & b^{(j_2)} \\ c^{(j_3)} & d^{(j_4)} \end{bmatrix}.$$

with typical element $X_{i,j}$. Then from Brillinger (1981, Theorem 2.3.2),

$$\text{Cov} \left(\prod_{j=1}^2 X_{1,j}, \prod_{j=1}^2 X_{2,j} \right) = \sum_v \prod_{v_s \in v} \text{cum}(X_{i,j}, (i,j) \in v_s),$$

where $\text{cum}(X_{i,j}, (i,j) \in v_s)$ is the joint cumulant of all the $X_{i,j}$ with indices $i, j \in v_s$ and the sum is over all indecomposable partitions v of the table

$$\begin{matrix} (1,1) & (1,2) \\ (2,1) & (2,2) \end{matrix}.$$

A definition of indecomposable partitions is given in Brillinger (1981, p.20). In this case there are only three indecomposable partitions which lead to nonzero cumulants: $v = \{(1,1), (2,2)\}, \{(2,1), (1,2)\}$ or $v = \{(1,1), (1,2)\}, \{(2,1), (2,2)\}$ or $v = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1), (2,2)\}$. Other indecomposable partitions contain a single element but in that case $\text{cum}(a^{(j_1)}) = E[a^{(j_1)}] = 0$, for example, so all these terms are zero. This establishes the second statement of the Lemma. The first statement then follows directly from $\text{Cov} \left(a^{(j_1)} b^{(j_2)}, c^{(j_3)} d^{(j_4)} \right) = E \left[a^{(j_1)} b^{(j_2)} c^{(j_3)} d^{(j_4)} \right] - E \left[a^{(j_1)} b^{(j_2)} \right] E \left[c^{(j_3)} d^{(j_4)} \right]$ after rearranging. ■

Lemma 9 Assume ε_t is a sequence of independent, identically distributed random vectors with $E\varepsilon_t = 0$ for all t . Let $\text{cum}_{j_1, \dots, j_4}(\varepsilon_{t_1}, \dots, \varepsilon_{t_4})$ be defined as in Definition (1). Then $\text{cum}_{j_1, \dots, j_4}(\varepsilon_{t_1}, \dots, \varepsilon_{t_4}) = 0$ unless $t_1 = t_2 = \dots = t_4$. In this case we define $\text{cum}(j_1, \dots, j_4) \equiv \text{cum}_{j_1, \dots, j_4}(\varepsilon_t, \dots, \varepsilon_t)$.

Proof. See Property (iii) in Brillinger (1981, p.19). ■